THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Paultons Points

As you will be aware, our school has a strong tradition of rewarding positive behaviour and good attendance and it is likely that your child will have been on at least one 'reward activity' during their time at Mountbatten. This strong tradition of reward continues this year in our Year 10 reward trip to Paultons Park at the end of the academic year. We will give details of the event much closer to the date, but the reason we are writing to you today is to give you details of how students will gain their invitation.

You may be aware that in Year 11 we run a system called 'Prom Points', where students need to earn points to be invited to the Year 11 Prom. This has worked so well, that we are going to use the same system this year for the Year 10 Paultons Park trip. **Students will be required to earn 250 Paultons Points by Friday 22 May 2026** (the day before the summer half-term holiday) in order to be invited on the trip. Exactly like prom points, Paultons points will be awarded by doing the things that lead to GCSE success and lost by doing things that hinder GCSE success for themselves or others. It's likely that you may have a few questions about this process, so we've set out the remainder of the letter in a 'FAQ' format.

How will Paultons points be awarded?
epraise points. These are received for a variety of reasons and each one your child receives becomes a Paultons point. Every week your child has the chance to earn 3 'getting it right points', one each for: being in school each day; not being late; not receiving a demerit for any reason. We think homework is especially important, so *every point your child receives for completing homework will be doubled!*
Monitoring. We send monitoring home twice a year, and each time, students receive a grade for their attitude to learning and their homework for each subject. Every 3 (good) they receive will gain them 3 points; every 4 (outstanding) will gain them 4 points. A student taking 10 subjects has the potential to earn 60-80 Paultons points from a single round of monitoring, provided their attitude to learning and homework is at least 'good' in each subject!

How will Paultons points be lost?
Just a reminder, that the average number of demerits per student last year was 4 and the average number of detentions per student last year was 0. We know the majority of our students are well-behaved. What is below is simply information for those that need it.

epraise demerits: Demerits are given for poor behaviour, lateness to school or lessons and lack of homework. Each one received loses a Paultons point. We think homework is especially important, so *every demerit your child receives for not completing homework will be doubled.*

Detentions: The more serious the detention, the more points will be lost.

Respect detention	= 2 points lost
Head of Faculty detention	= 3 points lost
Each session in the Student Support Room	= 3 points lost
Leadership detention	= 4 points lost

If a student gets a small number of detentions, that shouldn't affect their chances. It's important that students attend detentions as failure to do so will result in escalation to more serious detentions and result in more points being lost.

Suspensions: = 5 points lost per day suspended

250 is a large number, isn't the target too high?
Not at all. t's not supposed to be a barrier, but an incentive to positive behaviour and good attendance. Last year over 90% of the students achieved this target.

How will my child and I know how they are progressing towards their target?
Paultons points will be updated each week and shared with students by their tutor. In addition, we will use epraise to display and communicate this information so that you and your child can be easily and fully up-to-date with how they are progressing towards their target. This information is confidential to you and your child.
Your child can access this information by going to their *home page > me > assessment > Paultons Points 25-26.*
You can view your child's current total by logging in to epraise *> my children > assessment > Paultons Points 25-26.*

My child is quiet and isn't in top sets. They are never in trouble, but I'm worried they won't get the points.
The number of points students earn has nothing to do with the set that they are in. To give students a measure of their current approach, we have calculated an ***estimate*** of what their Paultons points would have been based on their work, behaviour and attitude in Year 9 and published this on their epraise page *assessment > HOY > Guess what this is.*

- For the vast majority of students, those points will easily be 250 points or more, which simply means that students need to continue to display the positive behaviour and good attendance they did in Year 9.
- However, if the score is less than 250, the student will need to change their approach in Year 10 if they wish to be invited to the Paultons Park trip

To be clear: every student starts Year 10 with a clean slate – this estimate is just to give parents and students feedback about the approach followed in Year 9 and whether it needs to change.

What if my child is struggling to get points?
We want as many students to go to on the Paultons trip as possible. If your child is struggling to gain points and wants support in gaining more, they should talk to their tutor in the first instance, but after that, their Head of Year, Mr Waters, Head of Upper School, Mr Fenton, or myself.

My child has a SEN and/or a disability. I am concerned that this will make it harder for them to get the points they need to attend the Paultons trip. Will this be taken into consideration?
Last year, the vast majority of students with a SEN easily achieved their 250-points.
However, we recognise that not all students are the same and we will make reasonable, appropriate and flexible adjustment for students with a disability. If you feel your child needs additional support

or reasonable adjustments in relation to their eligibility to attend the Prom, then **please contact your child's Head of Year by Friday 3 October** to discuss your child's individual circumstances.

What if my child hasn't made the best start to Year 10?
Points will be gained and lost over the course of the whole school year and students will be required to earn 250 Paultons points by Friday 22 May 2026 in order to be invited. Nothing your child has done so far should materially affect their invitation. Throughout the year, we will continue to encourage and support all students to adopt the positive behaviour and good attendance needed to acquire Paultons points. Last year, several students started the year badly, but with a determined attitude to change their approach and support from staff, they gained the points they needed, much to everyone's delight.

Why don't all students get invited automatically?
The trip is a reward, not a right.
We want students to see the connection between their approach and attitude and the reward they get; it's a good life lesson. All students mentioned above who changed their approach and ended up getting the points they needed, were also rewarded with great GCSE grades that they didn't expect. Why? **Because the things that they needed to do to get Paultons points were also the things they needed to do to be successful in their GCSEs** - that's why we chose those things to reward!

When is the deadline?
Friday 22 May 2026, the day before the summer half-term holiday.

I hope you find this information helpful, but please contact your child's tutor in the first instance if you have any queries. We look forward to supporting you and your child with their GCSE success throughout the year and inviting them on the trip.

Yours sincerely

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